

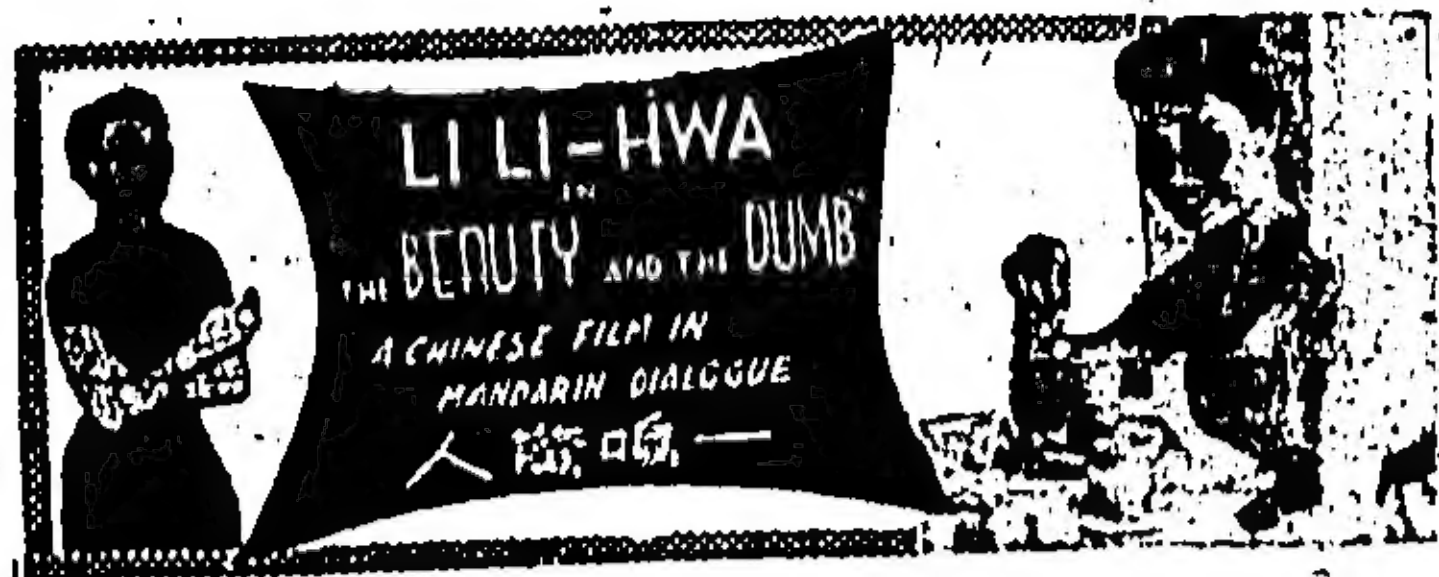




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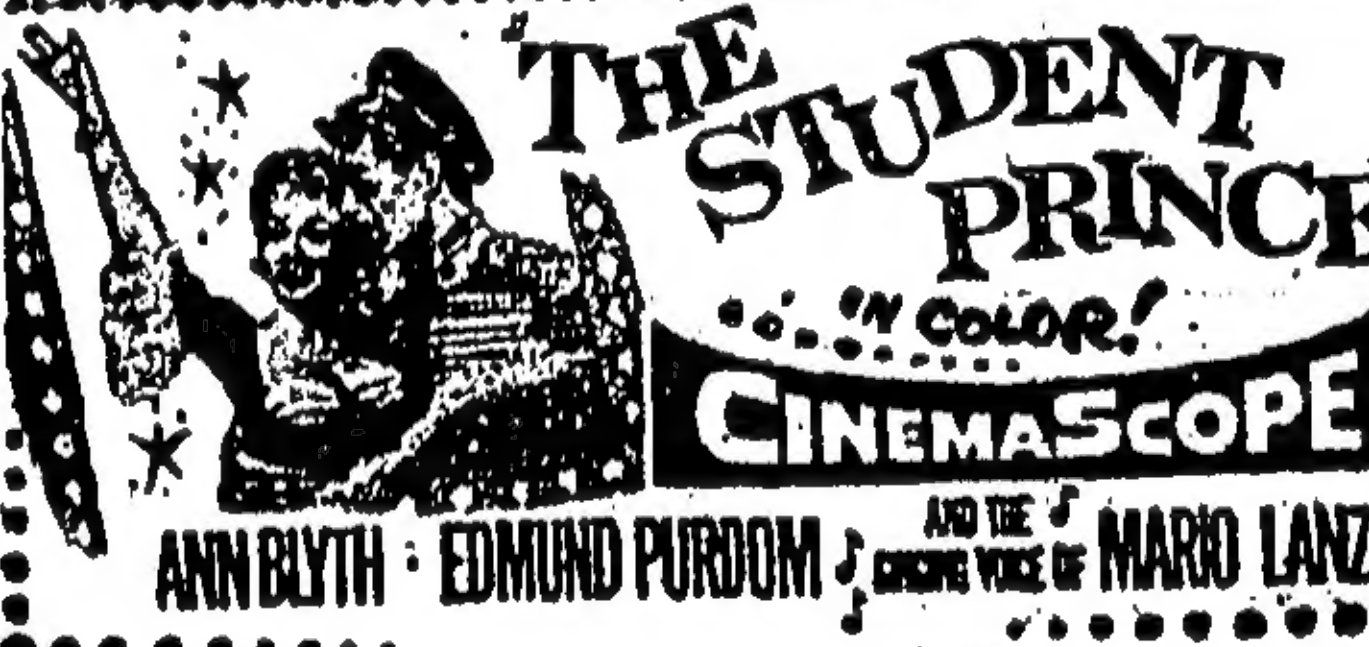
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# CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

## C'wealth Division's Last Big Celebration UNITS WITHDRAWING

With the British Commonwealth Division in Korea,

Dec. 23.

Men of the British Commonwealth Division in Korea, stationed among snow-capped hills near the Korean demarcation line, are preparing to make this Christmas the most-celebrated holiday in the Division's history.

Even nature appeared ready to give a hand. Mountains and hills overlooking the British units are already covered with snow and it was expected that further snowfalls would make it a "White Christmas".

For many of the British troops it will be their last "White Christmas" for some time. Many of them are moving to Kenya shortly.

For officers and men of the Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand units serving with the Division this will be a "peaceful" Christmas, the first such Christmas the Division has celebrated in Korea.

### NEW LINE

Last year Commonwealth troops were busy constructing new defence lines and taking part in manoeuvres and guarding an uneasy truce line.

This Christmas there will be no frozen trenches to return to after the day's celebrations as there were last year.

This year three British infantry battalions are celebrating Christmas in Korea—the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and the First Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

The Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers will be moving to Hongkong and Kenya in January.

This Christmas is also the last the Commonwealth Division will celebrate in Korea as a division. Next year the Division's strength will be down to a brigade with three infantry regiments, the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and the Second Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

This Christmas there will be more food, drinks and entertainment available in the Division than at any previous time.

### SHOWS

The 61st Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, is presenting "Cinderella" with an all-soldier cast. The British Field Hospital and the

Tenth Infantry Workshop R.E.M.E. are producing a revue "Let's Face It Again" and seven other shows.

There will be dancing at the huge "Castle Inn," canteen and service club, run by N.A.A.F.I. in the divisional area, every night during Christmas week. Dance bands from the Dorset and Northamptonshire battalions are playing on alternative nights.

Some old British Army customs are being observed on Christmas Day.

Christmas morning officers and senior non-commissioned officers will serve the men tea in bed. At lunch time officers and sergeants will act as waiters for the men.

On Boxing Day officers and sergeants in the three infantry battalions will compete in traditional football and cricket matches.

At the division and at Seoul, children from nearby villages and orphanages will entertain the troops and in exchange the troops will entertain the children at Christmas parties.

### DECORATIONS

Nearly all units have set up Christmas trees and other decorations. In some units prizes have been offered for the best decorations and they are closely guarded secrets.

The 42nd Infantry Workshops of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers claim to have the only neon lighted Christmas sign in Korea, in an area where Communist and United Nations troops once fought bloody battles there is a huge neon sign blinking out words "Christmas Greetings to all our customers."

Catering Corps officers said Commonwealth troops in Korea will have more food this Christmas than they ever had during the war.

Officers have in Division kitchens 12,000 lbs of turkey and 3,700 lbs of pork.

There is plenty of beer, perhaps enough to give each man five or six bottles.

Menu in all British units on Christmas Day will include for breakfast fruit juice, corn flakes and milk, fried bacon, eggs, sausages and saute potatoes and tea or coffee.

For Christmas dinner the men will get cream of tomato soup or cream of vegetable soup, roast turkey and pork, giblet gravy, apple sauce, cranberry sauce, stuffing, roast potatoes, green peas, buttered cabbage, Christmas pudding, rum sauce, hot mince pies, nuts, two bottles of free beer, coffee and minerals.

### BUFFET SUPPER

At tea they will get cold roast pork, cold ham, Russian salad mixed pickles, fruit jellies, trifles, Christmas cakes and mince pies.

There will also be buffet supper for men who can eat it. One of the greatest events of the holiday will be the arrival of Christmas mail.

Arrival of the mail will be heralded by battalion buglers. They will sound the post call for "ordinary" mail and "post horn" gallop for air mail.

Beuter

### MR. J. P. L. THOMAS

of sabotage had occurred in the Navy during the last three years, and in how many cases the culprits had not been discovered.

The First Lord said there were 12 cases of malicious damage in 1952, 38 cases in 1953 and 40 cases in 1954. The ship had been damaged in 12, 25 and 27 cases in each of those years.

Mr. Thomas said over half the cases during 1954 took place in the first three months of the year and the number was now falling very slowly.



Tommy Trinder and Wee George Wood arriving at St Paul's Cathedral for the memorial service to the late Sir George Robey. Many prominent theatrical people were present.—United Press Photo.

## SALEM TAKES GLOOMY VIEW OF THE SUDAN

Cairo, Dec. 22.

Egypt's Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, told the United Press today he took a very gloomy view of the situation in the Sudan. He thinks the Communists are dangerously exploiting the political turmoil there.

"The question of unity with Egypt or independence for the Sudan no longer dominates the scene," said the young, dynamic official in an interview at the Republican Palace.

"The real problem is who is going to maintain law and order, and by what means. Political parties such as the National Unionist Party, headed by Premier Ismail el Azhari, and the Umma, headed by Siddik el Mahdi, are in a state of confusion.

"The religious sect, Khartoum, wants to end the Sudan and to do the rival sect, Ansar. At the same time, Southern Sudan fears the North and wants some form of federation. The Communists are the only people who can benefit from such instability and their strength is growing rapidly and dangerously.

"The Communists own or direct four daily papers in Khartoum, and they more or less control several labour unions. Their leader, a certain Salem, is just about the most important personality in the Sudan today."

Asked what could be done to improve the situation, the

Minister would only repeat: "I am very worried — it's clear the Sudanese will govern the Sudan, but who will govern?"

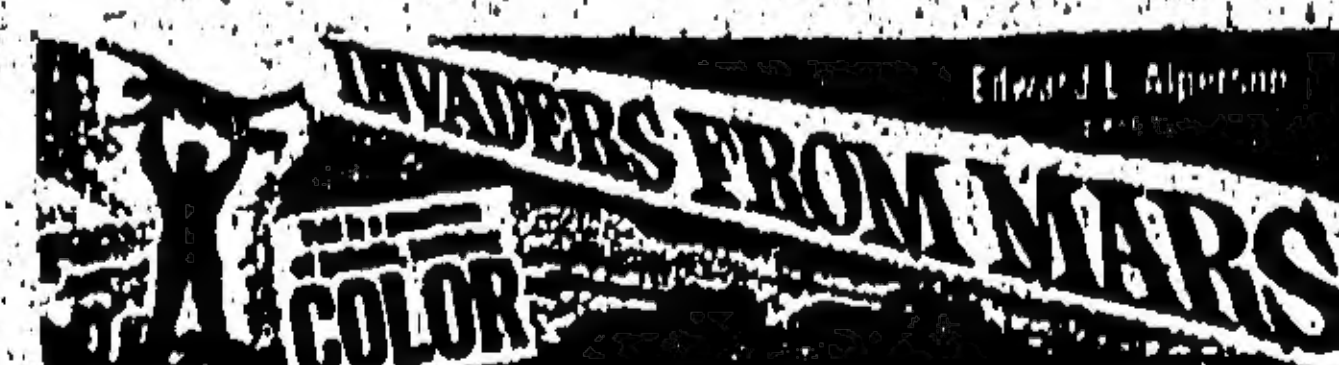
Major Salem also spoke gloomily of the situation in Syria. He said it would seem the governmental machinery had begun to disintegrate there.

Referring to anti-Egyptian demonstrations organized by the Moslem Brotherhood in Damascus, Major Salem said the Egyptian Government would be only too glad if all members of the Brotherhood in the Middle East were to live in Syria and left Egypt in peace.

Speaking of Egyptian affairs, Major Salem stated categorically that the Moslem Brotherhood movement had been practically annihilated and 80 per cent of its force destroyed.—United Press.

## EMPIRE

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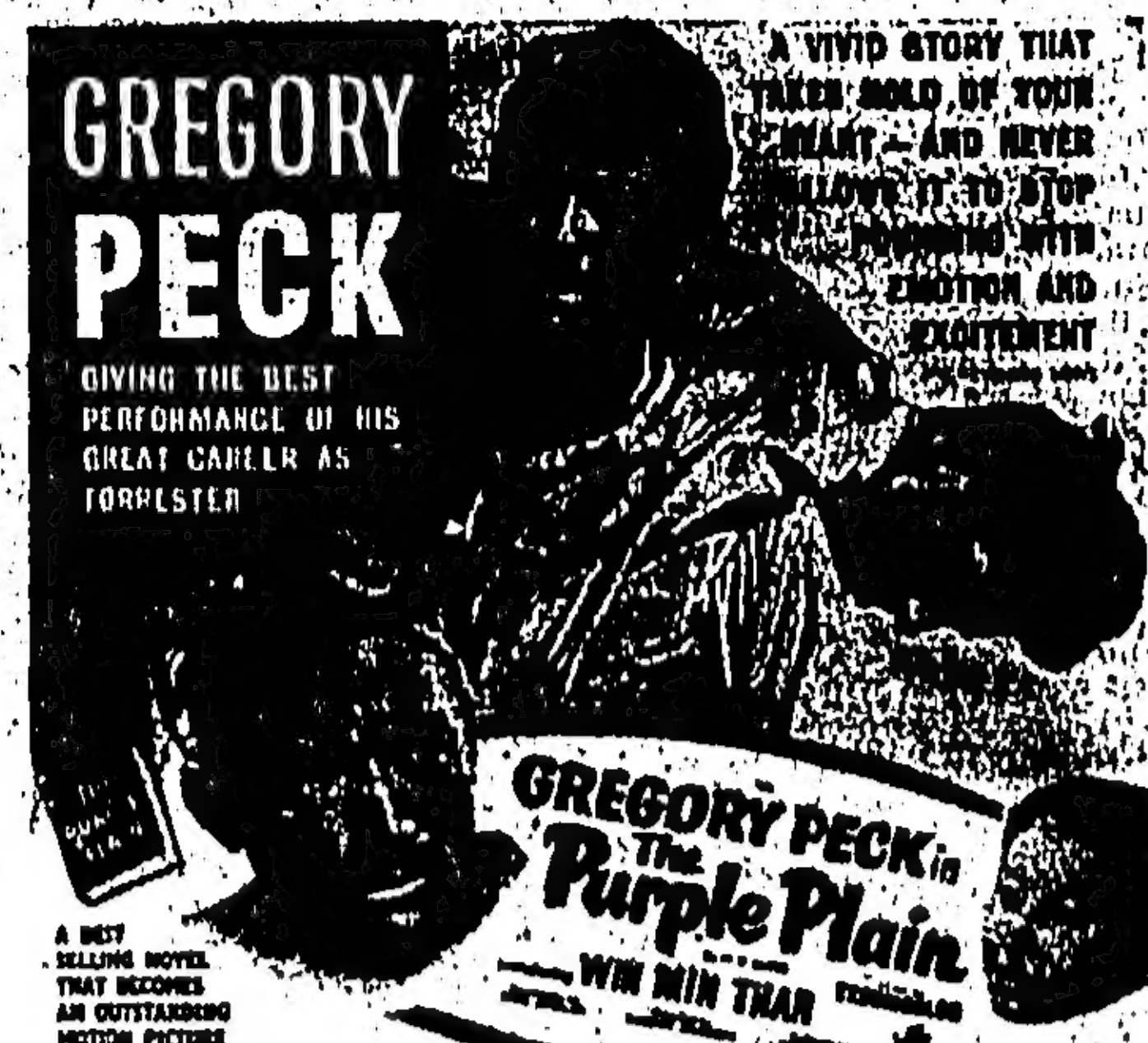
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# GERM WARFARE

## Parrot & Budgie Friends

Fort Elizabeth, Dec. 22. "Sweetie", a whisky-drinking budgie, and "Joey", a talking parrot, make life full of fun for Mr. and Mrs. H. Jopson, of Summerstrand, Fort Elizabeth.

The two birds are inseparable, despite the great difference in size. Whenever they are left together they either sit "talking" or scratch each other.

Sweetie often joins Mr. and Mrs. Jopson for a "spot". She drinks both whisky and beer.

Joey, who is two years old, mimics practically everything she hears. "She even calls the children and the servants," said Mrs. Jopson with a laugh.

Both birds feed at the Jopson's table at mealtimes. —China Mail Special.

## Petition To Put Doctor In Asylum

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22. Dr. Charles A. Laughhead's sister petitioned the Ingham County Probate Court today to commit the former Michigan State College doctor and his wife, Lillian, to a mental hospital.

Margaret Laughhead of Des Moines, Iowa, described her brother as a "religious fanatic" and said his wife "neglects her household duties and her family because of her constant religious studying".

Dr. Laughhead, 44, recently was dismissed by Michigan State College officials, who said his end-of-the-world predictions were "disturbing students." He had predicted a tidal wave would engulf Chicago on Tuesday in the start of a series of events that would bring about the end of the world.

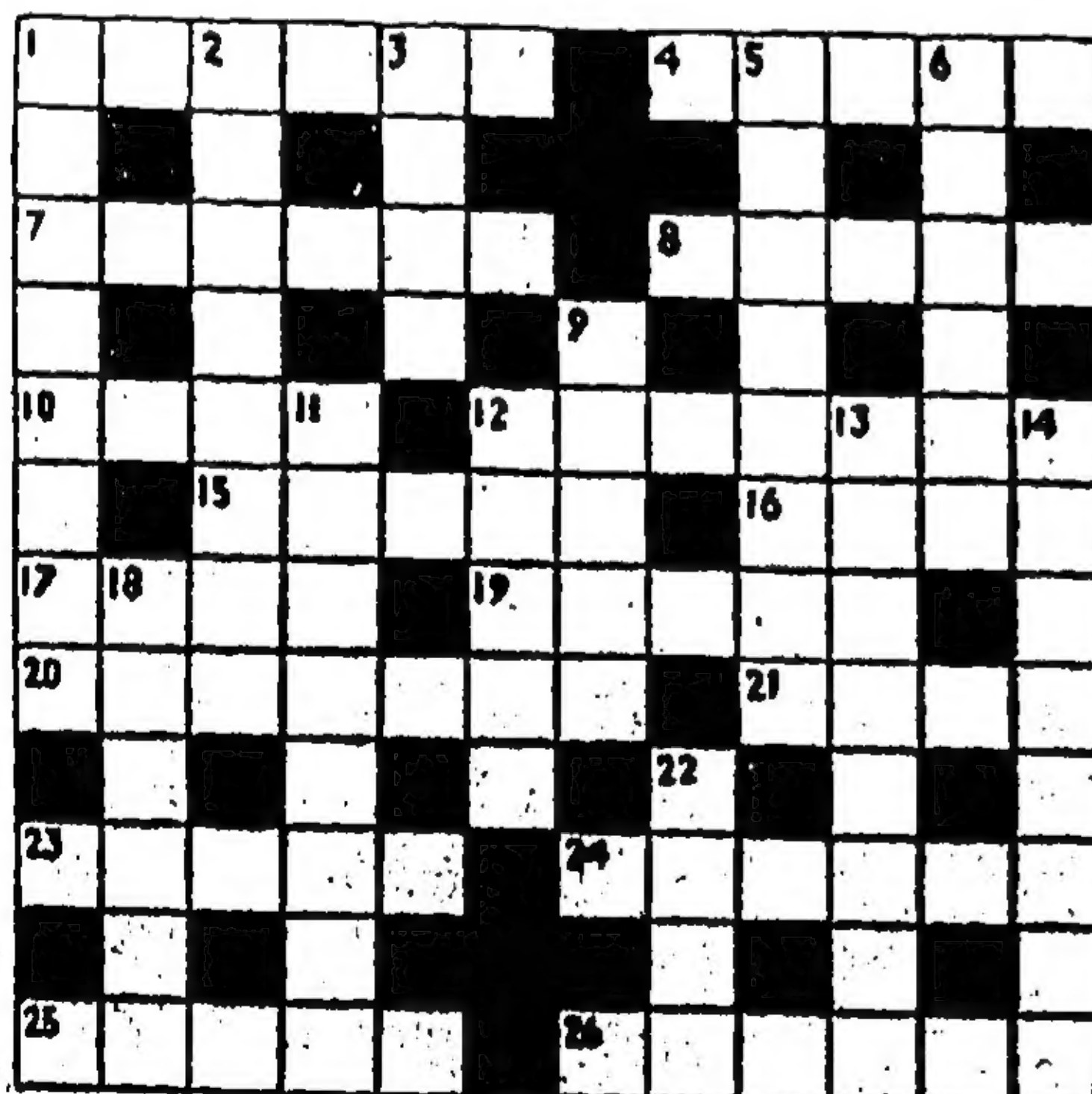
### GUARDIAN

His sister also petitioned the Probate Judge, John McClellan, to appoint a guardian for Dr. Laughhead's three children, Charlyn, 18, Charles, 17, and Marilyn, 9.

The petition stated: "During the past few years my brother has become a religious fanatic. This is now having its effect on his family. He believes that he is to create a new age and that the standing world will be submerged."

Dr. Laughhead, who was still in Chicago at the home of his "communist" with outer space, refused to comment on his sister's action. —United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Source (6).
- 4 Scale (5).
- 7 Gear (5).
- 8 Post (5).
- 10 Meditate (7).
- 12 Trousers (4).
- 13 Foolish (5).
- 15 Before long (4).
- 17 Hit hard (4).
- 18 Commemorate (5).
- 20 Misdemeanor (7).
- 21 Language (4).
- 22 Denude (3).
- 24 Mispickled (6).
- 25 Border (5).
- 26 Mendicant (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Hopeful view of things (8).
- 2 Cut (8).
- 3 Lazy (4).
- 5 Able to read and write (8).
- 6 Japanese emperor (6).
- 9 Lifeless (5).
- 11 Attractive (8).
- 12 Bury (5).
- 13 Infatigable (6).
- 14 Produce (8).
- 16 Small (6).
- 22 Volume (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Marriage, 8 Midway, 9 Remained, 11 Summised, 12 Fair, 13 Fort, 18 Babes, 19 On, 22 Roasting, 24 Alliance, 25 Loose, 26 Dispute, 27 Anna, 28 Unapp, 30 Mariner, 31 Apple, 32 Road, 33 Answer, 34 Beguery, 35 Mark, 36 Rayon, 37 Lament, 38 Coward, 39 Rise, 40 Final, 41 Agree, 42 Bury, 43 Add.

## Weapon Would Not Be Denied To U.S. Troops

Washington, Dec. 22.

The Army's authority on germ warfare said today it would be "an act of barbarism" to deny American troops the use of biological weapons in a future war.

Maj-Gen. William Creasy, chief Army chemical officer, said modern developments had given germ warfare a "practicability it did not have before." He said it was now quite capable of defeating an enemy "with the least possible expenditure of American lives."

Warning that the Communists would have no qualms in using them, General Creasy said that to deny U.S. troops the use of such weapons either at home or abroad "would be an act of barbarism against our own people."

He stated his views in an article in the Army Information Digest, an official monthly magazine. He emphasized: "I hold no brief for war, for all war is immoral and inhuman."

### SOUTHERN TARGET

Colonel Norman Elton, director of the Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories in Edgewood, Maryland, reported in the meantime that in a future war there is danger that Southern States would be the target of a biological attack with yellow fever virus.

Col Elton spoke at a conference of yellow fever experts which was sponsored by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

General Creasy dismissed as a "complete falsehood" Communist

claims that the United States used germ warfare in Korea. He said the Reds might have hurled the charge to set the stage for future biological warfare of their own.

He said the Russians had a "massive potential" for attacking the free world not only with atomic and hydrogen bombs, but with biological, chemical and radiological weapons.

The U.S., he said, would be making a "most grievous mistake" if it assumed that the Soviets would start a war with any "single preferred weapon."

General Creasy said a lethal germ attack could be launched to bring death to a large number of persons. Or, he said, a lesser agent could be used to produce widespread illness and undermine the national will to resist.

### DEFENCES IN SHAPE

Among the diseases which could be spread in such attacks, he said, are the plague, typhus, cholera, smallpox, rabbit fever and undulant fever.

General Creasy said U.S. defences against such germ attacks were "in proper shape". Defences, he said, include both immunizations and a variety of mechanical measures for protecting people and buildings. —United Press.

## Kidnapped Baby Found

Belfast, Dec. 22.

A nine-month-old baby, kidnapped in Dublin on Saturday while his mother was buying him a Christmas teddy bear, was found hidden today in a shabby back street home in Belfast, 90 miles away.

Police said Patrick Barrigan, snatched from his carriage by a Dublin's busy Henry Street, had been found in the home of Mrs. Barbara McGeehan, 24.

A neighbour of Mrs. McGeehan tipped off the police when she heard a baby crying. The baby's parents were en route to Belfast to identify him. —United Press.

## Confucian Compositions Translated

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

Two ancient Chinese musical compositions composed by the sage and philosopher Confucius some 1,400 years ago, have recently been revived and translated into modern musical notation, Radio Peking said today.

The broadcast, monitored by the United Press, said that one of the compositions, which dated back to the year 550 A.D., was composed in connection with a journey made by Confucius.

The broadcast said that the National Music Research Institute, which was opened in March this year, has translated into modern musical notation more than 300 pieces written originally for ancient musical instruments.

It said that among the musical pieces collected by the Institute are whole suites of instrumental music, written in the notation belonging to the Sung dynasty, dating back to between 1,400 to 1,700 years ago.

Radio Peking said that the Institute is compiling an outline of the history of Chinese music. It has collected more than 30,000 folk songs, ballads, dance tunes, ancient folk instrumental music from different parts of China.

More than 2,000 of these have been recorded and many have been published, the broadcast said. —United Press.

## Drought Threat To 'Quake Town'

Eureka, Dec. 22.

Eureka, the Californian town which was shaken yesterday with drought, was today threatened with drought when it was discovered that the reservoir, damaged by the earthquake, had lost half of its 80,000,000-gallon capacity.

One person was killed in yesterday's "earthquake" and 60 were injured. Total damage has been estimated at more than \$2,000,000. —France Press.

## Mountbatten Says Good-bye



Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Allied Commander-in-Chief in Malaya, says good-bye to the new Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, when he left the island on his way home to take up his post as First Sea Lord. —Central Press Photo.

## TITO SEEKING SOCIALIST PEACE BLOC

Rangoon, Dec. 22.

Informed sources here today believe that one of the main reasons for the visit of the Yugoslavian President, Marshal Josip Tito, to India and Burma is to sound out these two "neutralist" Asian nations on the possibility of forming a Socialist peace bloc between the East and the West.

The sources pointed out, however, that no preliminary overtures have been made by the Yugoslavian leader and that there are no indications that the talks at this time would go beyond the exploratory stage.

Presumably, the sources added, if India and Burma felt friendly to the idea, they, in turn, would broach it to other Asian members of the Colombo Powers, notably Ceylon and Indonesia, at the Prime Ministers' conference in Djakarta later this month.

Mentioned as another possible member of the Socialist bloc was Israel, a nation which has of late established close friendly ties with Burma.

### WILL LISTEN

Initial reaction to the idea among Burmese leaders was a willingness to listen but, at the same time, an attitude of caution.

Unofficial reaction from American sources was that it might be a good idea since it would align India and Burma, in the past reluctant to make any deals, with Yugoslavia which is part of the Western alliance.

Yugoslavia's link with the United States and the NATO Powers may cause India, Burma and Indonesia to shy away from any formal alliance with the Communist State but Marshal Tito's visit was still expected to draw these nations closer together in future international relations.

In Bombay on Wednesday, Marshal Tito told the Indian Parliament that India and Yugoslavia held identical views on many problems and would unite their efforts for promoting co-operation among nations.

He told India that his nation agreed that co-existence was the sole guarantee for world peace.

### BASIC REASONS

The basic reasons which give rise to speculation in Rangoon about such an alliance is that all of the nations are roughly, in one form or another, cast in the Socialist mould.

Why Marshal Tito, leader of a middle European nation, should seek so far afield for allies seems somewhat puzzling. But the observers here point out that the Socialist nature of them all, plus the fact that India and Burma are the only remaining uncommitted major nations in the eastern half of the world.

## CRAZED SUITOR RELEASES CAPTIVE

Wake Forest, N.C. Dec. 22.

A crazed suitor, who held the woman who spurned him captive at gunpoint for 24 hours in a cotton mill, released her and surrendered today after his victim persuaded him he needed medical care.

"Gaunt, unshaven, Graham, Timberlake, 31, was taken away to a mental institution as the authorities fulfilled a bargain that he would not be put in jail.

His tiny brunette sweetheart, Jessie Elizabeth Davis, 29, was released by Timberlake unharmed. A doctor reported that she still "seemed fond" of her former suitor despite the ordeal to which he had put her in the cotton mill while the machinery still spun busily, turning out cotton yarn.

Miss Davis was a factor in persuading Timberlake to give up and accept medical treatment, Dr. C. T. Wilkinson said.

Tonight Miss Davis' sister, Petronia, said that the shaken woman was "resting and does not wish to discuss her experience." —United Press.

## PRINCESS' TOUR

London, Dec. 22.

Princess Margaret will leave London on January 31 on an official visit to the British West Indies. Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Minister, announced in the House of Commons, today.

The Princess will arrive in Trinidad on February 1. She will leave the Bahamas on March 2 and return to London on March 3.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd also added that the Princess would visit as many islands as possible during her five-week tour. —France Press.

## Minimum German Defence Expenditure

Bonn, Dec. 22.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said today his Government would keep to a minimum defence expenditure envisaged in the Paris treaties.

"In no case will defence outlay affect social security and the general standard of living," he said in a preface to the Government's end-of-the-year reports.

He described 1954 as a year which had "further consolidated democracy in Germany." —Reuter.

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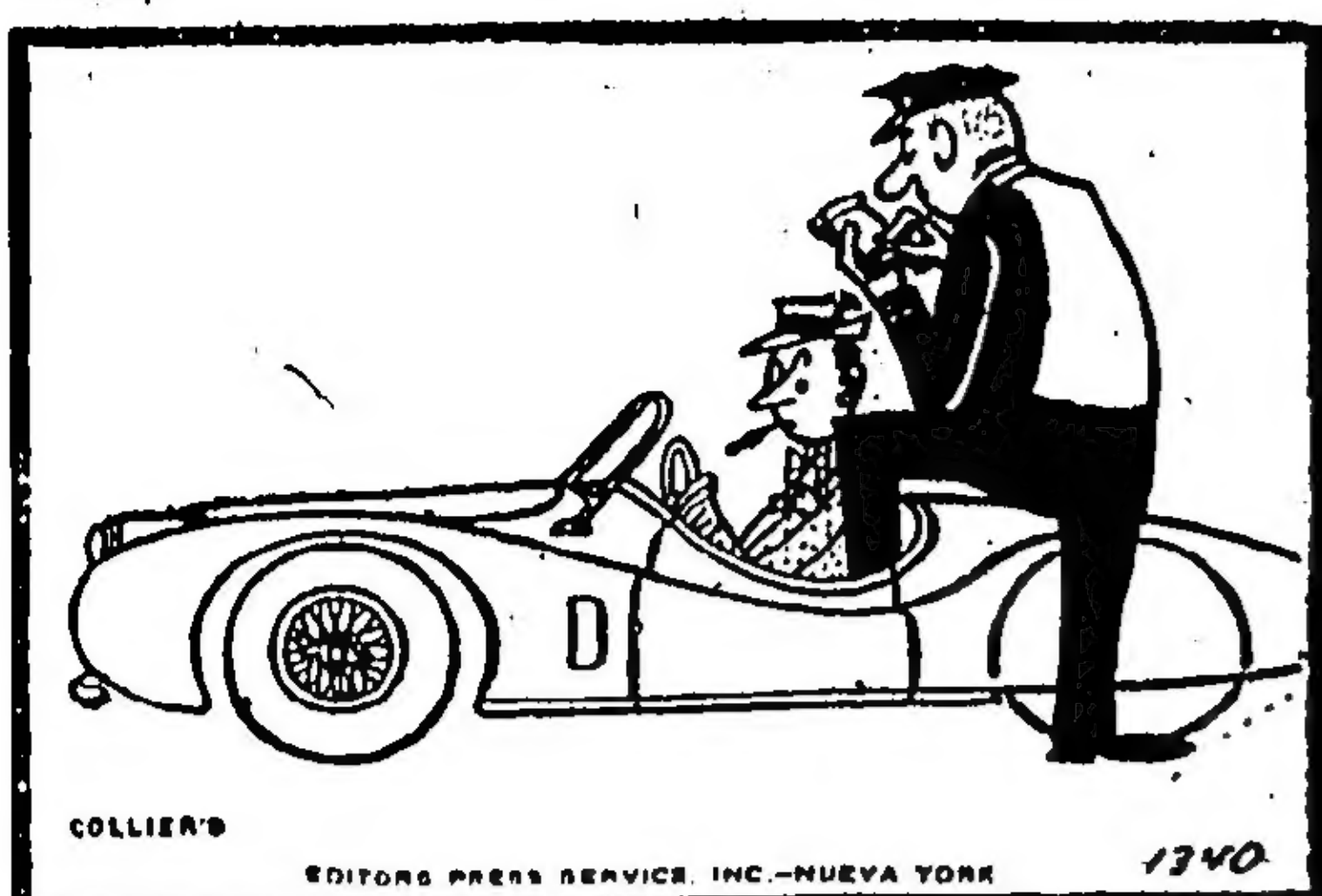
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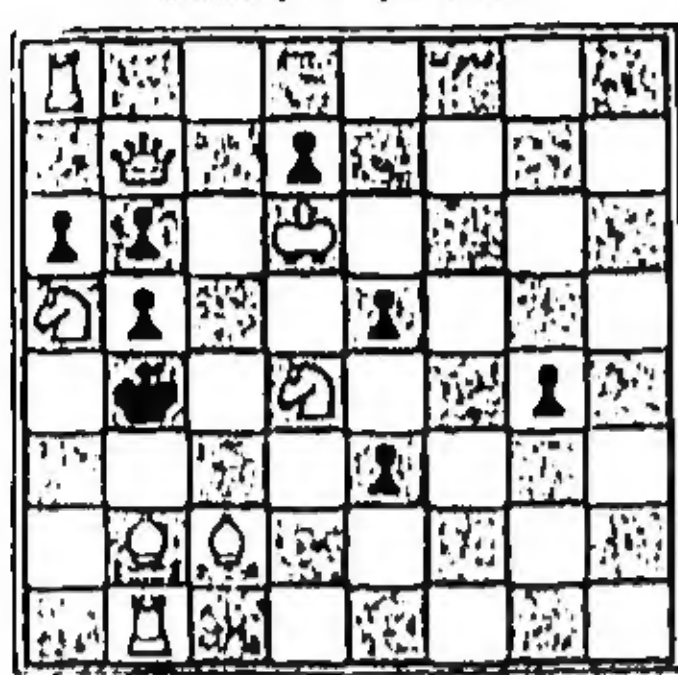








## CHESS PROBLEM

By D. HJELLE  
Black, 8 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. R-K7. 1. Kt-B3; 2. R-Q K7; 1. B-B3; 2. R-K8 (ch).

## BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

NOTHING could be more preposterous than the Child-Huntingdonshire Cubmen. It is suggested that some of the cubmen's names are unfit for children to read? I should have thought that the List was a book that could be safely left lying about where there are children.

This new edition is merely an arbitrary selection made from the standard edition, and the illustrations—cats, dogs, birds and elves—merely emphasise the absurdity of the whole. The publishers claim that it is difficult to interest a child in the names of cubmen, and that a robin or a thrush perched above "Chalmers, D.P." or "Reeves, N.K." makes the subject more appealing. But why should children bother about these cubmen at all?

## A tense moment

WILLE listening to a lecture on "Some Aspects of Inter-Departmental Co-ordination," Suet's hand touched Mimsie's hand. He shuddered as though bitten by a cobra. She caught her breath and turned crimson. Was this the opening move in a whirlwind courtship? Apparently not. For the rest of the lecture Suet leaned sideways in his chair, away from her, like a little boat heeling to a fresh breeze. Mimsie hid her left hand (the victim of this startling encounter) in the right-hand pocket of her coat. No words were spoken, except Suet's "Hear, hear!" when the lecturer said: "Co-operation is an outcome of the team spirit." At the end, when Suet helped her on with her macintosh, he stood so far away from her that he almost had to throw it at her. And the words whispered hotly in her ear as they left the hall were, "He might have said more about planned economy." Mimsie nodded agreement.

Nothing to do with me  
A CRITIC has again complained that a text overburdened with footnotes is a mere parade of learning.

Hellbronn: Geschichtsbuch, pp. 23-27. Jane Troy: Life of Sprott, passim. Arlette Desrocher: Souvenirs d'une Enfance Aveyronnaise. Loftus, T.R.: Round Venice on a Bicycle. Joacquin de la Vega: Despropósitos. Commandant: Mrs. Trudge: Barbara Clifton: a Study. Chivers and Dolt: Manual of Droptinking. Dean Stenson: Sermons. Major Desmond Clatter: Up and Down the Amazon Daisy Dawkins: Poole Harbour in the Nineteenth Century. Professor Cooder: The Wars of the Roses, Ch. XVI.

## DUMB-BELLS



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tourney Produces Strange Playing

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in the national championships recently, both the bidding and the play were a bit peculiar, but the same thing could happen in any game. All you need is an enterprising player in the South seat.

In the championships, the South seat was occupied by William A. Rosen, youthful Chicago expert. When his partner raised to two hearts, Rosen decided that he wanted to be in game. He bid two spades on the way to four hearts, hoping that this bid would confuse the enemy. The bid of two spades had a far-reaching effect.

West heeded his chops and passed. North stolidly went back to hearts, hoping for the best but privately wishing that he'd passed one heart to begin with. And now Rosen bid four hearts, exactly as he had intended to do all along.

West could hardly wait to double four hearts. After all, he had both the spades and the hearts behind declarer, and he knew that everything was going to break badly for South.

West opened the queen of diamonds, and Rosen won the first trick with the ace. He next laid down the ace of hearts to test the trump situation, and

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 986		♠ K73	
♥ Q1087		♥ KJ32	
♦ Q2		♦ K9805	
♣ Q92		♣ J8754	

WEST		EAST	
♠ 10542		♠ K73	
♥ KJ32		♥ K9805	
♦ QJ4		♦ J8754	
♣ 10			

SOUTH (D)		NORTH	
♠ A		♠ A	
♥ A9854		♥ A	
♦ A10		♦ A	
♣ A		♣ A	

Both sides vul.		South	
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Double	4 ♠	Pass
Pass		Pass	

Opening lead—♦ Q

then continued with a low heart towards the dummy.

After some thought, West played a low trump, and dummy won with the eight. Rosen returned a diamond from the dummy, and East hopped up with the king of diamonds and returned a diamond since there was some chance that his partner could ruff. As it happened, South ruffed and led another trump.

West took the king of hearts and led his last trump to dummy's queen, expecting to get at least two spade tricks to defeat the contract. There was no way for West to know, even at this late stage of the play, that Rosen's bid of two spades had been merely a bit of the old razzle-dazzle.

In the meantime, poor East had been suffering from the same delusion. He thought that South had nine cards in spades and hearts, in which case he couldn't have more than a couple of clubs at most. Since East had to discard four times on trump plays, he cheerfully discarded two diamonds and two clubs, saving his spades. The two club discards were just what Rosen needed to make his doubled contract. Now all four clubs were good for tricks, and he gave up only one spade at the end.

## CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:  
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# GARDNER AND WILLIAMS PEEVE PROMOTERS OVER BOUT NO. 3

By GEORGE WHITING

So poverty stricken, and so bare of rising talent is the British heavyweight class that we are all bidden to become excited at the prospect of two former Champions, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams, meeting for the third time early in the New Year.

Object of the exercise, of course, is a title match for the winner with Don Cockell—though nobody has the slightest idea about when, where, or for how much.

Meanwhile, rival promoters from Leicester and Nottingham are warring contracts at Gardner and Williams—both not, as yet, getting any signatures.

Promoter Joe Jacobs, from Leicester, had a distinctly peeved appearance after unsuccessful visits to the dressing rooms at Manchester, where Gardner and Williams were on view in "alleged" warming-up fights against Lucien Touzard and Francis Coeur ranked first and second in the French heavyweight hierarchy, which must be

in an even more parlous condition than our own.

**RELIEVED**  
M. Coeur, conceding a stone, wobbled at the first body punch from Williams, took five counts on his knees, and looked remarkably relieved when the referee intervened on his behalf in round four.

Touzard (13st, 11lb.) was made of sterner metal. He began by slapping Gardner (15st, 6½lb.) rather in the manner of a small boy hitting back at his big brother.

Nor did he falter when Gardner's right hand opened a two-inch gash over his left eye—no kind of money, but after three rounds the referee decided that Touzard's eye was in no condition to withstand further punishment. Two stitches helped to improve its appearance.

afterwards told me he had decided to retire from the ring. Thomas, an affluent collier and man of property in South Wales, has done well out of boxing, and has sense enough to recognise danger signals when younger middleweights start clipping his ears.

Frank Johnson, former holder of the lightweight title, reappeared on the near-Championship scene with a sound and polished win on points over the extremely belligerent Johnny Butterworth. Johnson's boxing, occasionally burdened on brilliance, and Joe's, our present champion, will have need of all his southpaw fingerdarts if ever it comes to an argument.

## Sugar Ray To Fight Again

Detroit, Dec. 22.

Sugar Ray Robinson, former Welterweight and Middleweight Champion who was suspended for "backing out" of a scheduled bout here on December 8, today signed to meet Joe Rindone in a 10-rounder at Olympia on January 5.

Promoter Nick Lodice said that Robinson's signing for the bout automatically lifted the suspension imposed by the Michigan Boxing Commission.

The National Boxing Association and New York State had backed up the Michigan suspension.

Robinson voluntarily gave up the middleweight crown in December, 1952, to become a singer and dancer.

Carl (Babe) Olson, the present Middleweight Champion, won the crown in a tournament to divide Robinson's successor. Robinson lost only three times during a brilliant career that spanned 12 years—1941 to 1952. He had an unbeaten streak of 91 straight bouts at one time—United Press.

## REG SIMPSON IN HOSPITAL

Sydney, Dec. 22.

Reg Simpson, the MCC batsman, was admitted to a private hospital here today for observation.

Simpson, who was not engaged in the Second Test which ended today, has been running a temperature for the last two days and it is thought that he may have influenza. — China Mail Special.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

Table Tennis: British Championships at the Mansions to Seamen commencing at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Div. 1: CAA v. Sing Tao (BS); KMB v. Police (CH). All matches commencing at 4 p.m.  
Div. 2: A v. Eastern (BS); Club v. St. Joseph's (CH); KMB v. Sing Tao (CH). All matches commencing at 2.30 p.m.  
Div. 3: (IV) 2.30 p.m.: Telephone v. Jardine; HEMS v. Dockyard (IV); Prisons v. Luby Farm (Samoy). All matches commencing at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Div. 1: Kwong Wah v. Navy (Club); 4 p.m.; KMB v. Army (CH) 4 p.m.  
Div. 2: A v. Tarkov v. South China (SKP); Kwong Wah v. Western (Club); Prisons v. Army (CH). Gymnastic v. Police (BS). All matches at 2.30 p.m.  
Div. 3: Watsons v. Police; Rediffusion v. Road Works. Both matches at 2 p.m.  
Div. 4: Hollandia v. RUL v. Kowloon Godown; University v. Luby Farm. All matches at 4 p.m.  
Div. 5: Prisons v. Dairy Farm.

## PERON GREET'S PEREZ



When Pascual Perez, of Argentina, the new World Flyweight Champion boxer returned from Japan after beating Yoshio Shirai, he was greeted at the airport in Buenos Aires by President Peron. This is the first world boxing title for Argentina. — Express Photo.

## JOE LOUIS BLAMES

# Greedy Managers And Lazy Fighters

Miami, Dec. 22.

Joe Louis blames boxing commissions, greedy managers and lazy fighters for the shortcomings of the fight game.

## Army Soccer League Standings

The following are the Major & Minor Units League standings: (Including matches played December 1, 1954)

Major Units	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 Kings Own	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Minor Units	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 1 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 2 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
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9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 3 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 4 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 5 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Zone 6 (Kowloon)	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 HK Sigs	5	2	0	3	13	7	7
2 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
3 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
4 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
5 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
6 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
7 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
8 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
9 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7
10 HK Sigs	3	2	0	1	11	7	7

Louis arrived here yesterday with light heavyweight Paul Andrews, who he will help train for a December 29 nationally televised bout with Boardwalk Billy Smith.

"Boxing commissions are to blame for a lot of things that happen in bouts, and if there are things wrong it's partly their fault," said the 40-year-old former heavyweight king.

"You read about these under-world characters in boxing," Louis said, "but it's the commissions that license them."

"Today, a manager gets a boy with 10, or even seven, straight wins and he immediately wants to throw him into a main event," said the Brown Bomber. "The young boy usually gets beat just because the manager is greedy. They push them too fast."

Louis, looking fustian at 235 pounds, said that "Many of the boys fighting now just want to take training seriously. They want to be main event fighters and get main event money, but they don't want to train. They're lazy." — United Press.

## Special Stand For League Soccer Players

In connection with the visit of the Swiss Grasshoppers soccer team who will be playing three games series in Hongkong on January 24, 25 and 27, a special section of the number 4 stand of the Hongkong Football Club (Volunteer HQ end) will be reserved for football league players who are in possession of passes for the current 1954-55 season.

Tickets will be sold at the gate to players only on producing their passes, 30 minutes before the kick-off. Green passes are being issued to all second and third division players. After January 1, 1955, all old passes (pale red) previously issued to players, will be null and void.

# England Players Looking Forward To Third Test

Sydney, Dec. 22.

Len Hutton, England's cricket captain, talking of his team's win over Australia in the Second Test, said: "This win has put the lads in good heart, and I am now looking forward to an exciting contest in the Third Test at Melbourne."

As he spoke, Hutton was sitting in the dressing room contentedly puffing a cigarette. He looked a little pale but very composed. He is too old a campaigner to get excited over one success.

## Floodlights For Club Stadium

The Hongkong Football Club, first in the Colony to install floodlights for night soccer, even if it was on a temporary basis, is now installing permanent lights for a sport which seems to have a tremendous drawing power in Hongkong.

When Hongkong and China were preparing for their Asian Games appearances, trial matches were staged at the Football Club under rather makeshift type of lighting.

On Wednesday Dec. 15, the Hon. Kwok Chan performed the opening ceremony of switching on the lights at the South China stadium in Caroline Hill. Now the Hongkong Football Club is coming in to compete with the Caroline Hill Club by installing the latest and most modern type of lighting.

Unlike South China's light pylons which have been erected down two side of the grounds, that is parallel to the length of the soccer field, the Club pylons have been erected on the four corners of the ground.

Extra foundations and supports had to be constructed at the four corners to support the pylons.

The pylons have four steel ribs on each, and give the appearance of a radar mast. On each of the ribs, five lamps will be fitted to make a total of 20 lamps of 1,000 watts each to each pylon.

The top of the pylon is now nearly 80 feet from the ground. The field will therefore be illuminated by 80 powerful lamps, a total of 80,000 watts.

Each lamp will have to be focussed separately to pick up a certain spot on the field. The field will be roughly divided into sections and the lights focussed on them.

It is anticipated that the lighting result will be better than that of South China, and the first use of same will be eagerly awaited by all soccer fans.

It is hoped to be able to put the lights into operation before the end of the year.

## Holiday Softball Programme

The draw for the International Softball Championship sees Pakistan clashing against the Philippines on Boxing Day for the opening match of the competition.

The winner of this match will meet Portugal in the semi-final on Chinese New Year's Day, January 24 and on the same day the other semi-final, that between China and USA will take place.

Both games will be played at the HKSA ball park at King's Park.

The poor support from the ladies has resulted in only two teams entering for the Ladies' International.

The two entries are Portugal and China and these will clash in the first of three matches on Boxing Day in support of the Men's Int'l between Pakistan and the Philippines.

Hutton was full of praise for fast bowlers Statham and Tyson.

He said they were players of great character as well as skill and this had helped tremendously in England's hour of need after lunch.

"Both responded wonderfully to a tough job on a good pitch."

He added that he was most encouraged by the way Statham and Tyson were developing. He had seen Statham advance in the West Indies, but Tyson "far exceeded the expectations I had of him when we left England."

**GLOWING TERMS**  
Hutton also spoke in glowing terms of his two young batsmen, Peter May and Colin Cowdrey, and he welcomed the news that Denis Compton would be fit for the Third Test.

Hutton thought England would have won by a bigger margin if Australia had had to bat first.

Asked if he would have put Australia in if he had won the toss, Hutton paused and then answered: "I would have liked to very much, if there were no critics to worry about. And I am not thinking only of the Press. Mine is not a very pleasant job at times, you know." — Reuters.

## SWORD CLUB BEAT POLICE

In the Colony Fells League match played at Central Police Station Gymnasium last night, the visiting Hongkong Sword Club quitted scored an easy 23-2 victory over the Police Fencing Club side.

Grosche-Hodge, J. Marcell and Innes-Smith all registered clean sweep victories in their five bouts, and the other two members of the team dropped only one match each.

Police, although severely beaten as far as the scores were concerned, proved a toughy fence and the final score certainly falls to indicate the many duels seen.

T. Carroll and P. G. Taylor, tallied the two victories for Police.

The following are the results: Hongkong Sword Club: Grosche-Hodge (5 wins), J. Marcell (5), P. Marcell (4), I. F. Fugatey (4), Innes-Smith (5).

Police Fencing Club: T. Carroll (1 win), P. K. Lau (0), T. Martin (0), P. G. Taylor (1), K. W. Young (0).

## Annual Married v. Single Cricket Match At CCC

The annual Craigengower Cricket Club Married versus Singles cricket match will be played at the CCC on Sunday, Boxing Day, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

The husbands, with century maker, George Souza in their team, are favorites to win the match for the second year in succession, having won it in the 1953-54 game.

The bachelors gained their first and only win of the series in 1952-53, and are going to fight all the way for honours.

The match is scheduled to end at 5.30 p.m., and this very popular event will be followed by a dance and social from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All members of the CCC are welcome.

## ARMY TEAM TO MEET HKCC

The following team has been chosen to represent the Army against Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road on Monday, Dec. 27, commencing 11 a.m.

Maj. Chubb Maj. Howard-Dubois, 2/Lt. Medd, 2/Lt. Courthorne, 2/Lt. Lipscombe, 2/Lt. Neville, 2/Lt. St. Johnstone, 2/Lt. Nash, Pte Clark.

12th Man, 2/Lt. Stimson—2/Lt. A.A. Regt RA.

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Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1954.

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## USED STATE SECRETS

Alexandria Va., Dec. 22.  
Joseph S. Petersen, a former  
employee of the National  
Security Agency, pleaded guilty  
today to using Government  
secrets "in a manner prejudicial  
to the safety and interest" of  
the United States.

Petersen withdrew a previous  
plea of not guilty and pleaded  
guilty to the second of three  
charges.

District Judge Alvert V. Ryan,  
who received the new plea,  
deferred sentence.

The charge carried a possible  
prison sentence of up to ten  
years. Petersen, 40, said through  
his counsel he had changed his  
plea for the best interests of the  
country.

Petersen was arrested by the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
last October 9 and charged with  
improperly taking classified in-  
formation with "reason to  
believe" it was being used by a  
foreign power.

The United States subsequent-  
ly identified the Netherlands as  
Government with which  
Petersen "exchanged" infor-  
mation.

Dutch officials said their  
relations with Petersen went  
back to the second world war  
and that they had no reason to  
suspect that his activities were  
not authorized.

After Petersen's indictment  
on October 20 the United  
States Government said that  
information about operations in  
Korea in 1951 was part of the  
data alleged to have been mis-  
used by Petersen.—Reuter.

## More Teacher Colleges In China

London, Dec. 22.  
Communist China has  
established six new  
teachers' colleges this year,  
according to the Ministry  
of Education, the New  
China News Agency re-  
ported today.

In a Peking dispatch the  
agency said this is part of  
the Ministry's plan to  
train more teachers for the  
increasing number of  
middle and technical  
schools. The Ministry  
disclosed that 24,000 students were  
admitted in China's  
teachers' colleges during  
this half-year term. This  
was an increase of 38 per  
cent compared with last  
year and ranks second only  
to the total enrolment in  
engineering departments.  
The Ministry said that  
53,000 future middle school  
teachers were being trained  
throughout China. This  
was 2 1/2 times the peak  
pre-liberation figure of  
1947.—China Mail Special.

## Columbo Plan Chicks

London, Dec. 22.  
"Columbo Plan" day-old  
chicks—2,000 of them—will be  
flown by the British Govern-  
ment to Karachi in March to  
help Pakistan's egg production  
and breeding programme. It was  
stated here today.  
The request for the chicks,  
which will be selected from  
white leghorn, Rhode Island  
Red, Black Minorca and Light  
Sussex breeds, came under the  
terms of the technical co-opera-  
tion section of the Colombo  
Plan.—France-Press.

## EXPLOSION IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Dec. 23.  
One person was believed to  
be killed and several others  
wounded when a bomb exploded  
in the centre of the European  
quarter of Casablanca.  
It was later reported that six  
people were seriously wounded  
by the exploding bomb tonight  
and were taken to hospital for  
treatment.—France-Press.

## Pope Taking Exercise

Vatican City, Dec. 22.  
Pope Pius XII has taken to gentle exercise to  
relieve persistent attacks of hiccoughs that are dis-  
turb his sleep, Vatican sources reported to-  
night.

The 78-year-old Pontiff,  
again showing incredible re-  
cuperative powers, was report-  
ed to be in a "satisfactory con-  
dition" this evening following  
a restless night and a trans-  
fusion this morning of mixed  
plasma and whole blood.

### IN ARMCHAIR

By early afternoon, the  
Pope was in the Vatican  
Gardens for a short stroll—  
the fourth day he has left  
his sick-room high in the  
Vatican Palace.

Tonight, he was reported  
resting in the great armchair  
to the right of his plain,  
mahogany bed.

There were fears, however,  
that the strength-sapping hic-  
coughs which have plagued him  
for 11 months might return as  
they did last night.

Vatican sources said that Pro-  
fessor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi,  
the Papal physician, prescribed  
a new treatment of modified  
exercise last night when the  
hiccoughs returned.

The physician, using a mild  
form of artificial respiration,  
gently raised and lowered the  
rilling Pontiff's arms to expand  
and contract the patient's  
chest.

The treatment apparently had  
satisfactory results as the hic-  
coughs disappeared after a brief  
period.

The hiccoughs are apparently  
the result of a hernia at the  
mouth of the Pontiff's esoph-  
agus or food tube—at the point  
where it enters the stomach.

### NO OPERATION

Because of his advanced  
age and present weak con-  
dition, the Pope's doctors  
have ruled out an operation  
to cure this hernia.

Instead, they are concentra-  
ting on the accompanying at-  
tack of gastritis.—United  
Press.

## Lhasa Road Link With China

London, Dec. 22.  
Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is  
now linked with the whole com-  
munications network of Com-  
munist China. The second of  
two long motor highways was  
completed today, the Communist  
New China News Agency re-  
ported.

The road which was com-  
pleted today runs from Lhasa  
northeast to Sining, capital of  
Chinghai Province, and the  
other end to Yean, capital of  
Sikang Province. These two  
cities are one day's journey  
from Lanchow and Chengtu,  
major rail and road centres, the  
agency said.

Preparations were now under-  
way for the formal opening of  
both roads, the agency said.  
The total length of both roads is  
4,304 kilometres.

### TIME OUT

"The journey from Peking to  
Shanghai to Lhasa by these  
roads has been cut to less than  
20 days, compared with three  
months needed by the old car-  
avan routes," the agency stated.

The road completed today,  
more than 2,100 kilometres long,  
was built in record time since  
June this year, the agency  
stated. This road winds by the  
famous salt lake of Koko Nor,  
China's biggest inland lake.

The eastern road, which was  
opened a few days ago, took  
4 1/2 years to finish. This road  
crosses 14 great mountains and  
many difficult rivers, including  
the Kinshu (the upper Yangtze),  
Lantsang (Mekong) and Lu  
(Salween), the agency said.—  
Reuter.

## Press Trust Strike Off

New Delhi, Dec. 22.  
More than 900 employees of  
India's national news agency—  
the Press Trust of India—to-  
night postponed a 24-hour token  
strike for higher pay and better  
working conditions which was  
due to begin tomorrow morning.  
A statement by the President  
of the Employees Union, Mr. M.  
V. Dondre, said it had been  
deferred in view of a letter from  
the management saying they  
were willing "to discuss im-  
mediately any matter with an  
open mind".—Reuter.

## ELEPHANT TRAGEDY

Moscow, Dec. 22.  
A story of elephant mother  
love ended tragically in a  
Moscow zoo today.

A young member of one of  
the zoo's elephant families was  
taken from his parents to have  
a horn extracted from his foot.  
His mother, hearing squeals  
of pain, lumbered to his aid, and  
got her head stuck between the  
bars of the cage. Keepers saved  
through the bars to release her  
but she died soon after.

Now the youngster is refusing  
his food and the widower is  
standing guard before the cage  
trumpeting grief.—France-  
Presse.

## Whistled Policeman's Wife

Wellington, Dec. 22.  
An imitation of the mating  
call of a wolf landed a young  
Upper Hutt man in the magis-  
trate's court to face a charge of  
disorderly behaviour.  
Unfortunately for him, the  
young woman whom he singled  
out for his interest was the wife  
of a police constable.  
Evidence was given that the  
man drove alongside the woman  
and made "clucking" sounds at  
her. On a second occasion he  
followed her and emitted "wolf"  
calls and whistled at her. This  
time, however, her policeman  
husband was at hand.—China  
Mail Special.

## Coal Campaign

London, Dec. 22.  
Coal miners at the Man-  
kwo coal mines in the Peking  
area have launched a campaign  
to produce 80,000 tons of coal  
above their 1954 target before  
the New Year, the New China  
News Agency reported today.  
The coal miners completed  
this year's production quota in  
December, the agency said.  
The Man-ko coal mines  
supply Peking with large quan-  
tities of coal for the winter  
season.—China Mail Special.

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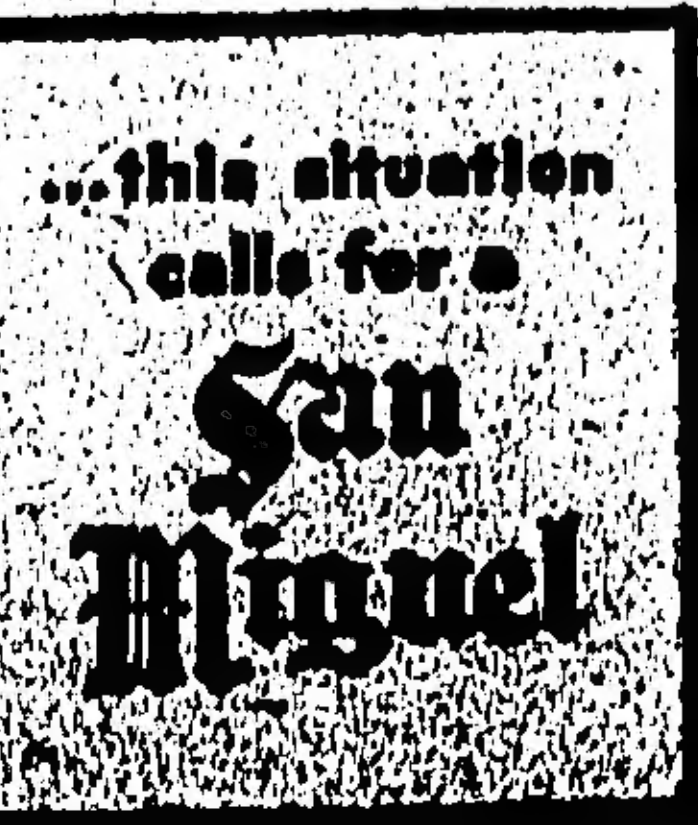
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Air Transport Command is particularly proud of its "Green Christmas" package to be included with each consignment purchased to Northern outposts. This consists of a tightly bound Christmas tree of spruce, complete with non-breakable Christmas decorations.

The staff of Air Transport Command get together to provide this Yuletide touch of home for the isolated weather stations and other Government personnel stationed in the North.

Operation Santa Claus is split into two sections. The Eastern Arctic flight is serviced from Frobisher Bay, on Baffin Island. The Central flight takes off from Resolute Bay, on Cornwallis Island.

To enable air crews to penetrate the total darkness of the Arctic winter, Santa Claus flights have been fixed to coincide with the full moon. Lights are tied to the bundles dropped from the aircraft so that those on the ground for whom they are intended can follow the baskets as they leave the aircraft.

Anxious eyes follow the descent of the parachutes since, if they are not aimed with pinpoint accuracy, they may fall into heavy snowdrifts and be lost for ever.

After the Santa Claus pilots have solved the tricky problem of locating tiny, isolated settlements in the huge expanse of Arctic wastes, they descend to 500 feet before releasing their bundles.

Further south, in more temperate areas, Canadians will celebrate Christmas in many different languages in the religious services of many different Christian denominations.

Towards Christmas, streets in shopping areas of the Southern cities and towns are gaily decorated, department stores each provide their own Santa Claus, huge Christmas trees are erected in prominent places. There is constant warfare between those who would commercialise Christmas and those who insist that it is a religious festival in which the Christ Child should have priority over Santa Claus and his reindeer.

In the countryside of French Canada, there are certain differences which persist more strongly than in the cities which have come under English Canadian and American influence.

There, Christmas is a matter of sleigh bells in the night, of midnight Mass, followed by family gatherings. The children, however, find their presents placed at the foot of the Christmas tree by "Père Noël" on New Year's morning, not on Christmas day.

Throughout the country generally, Canadians hold a family feast either at mid-day or in the evening after attending a religious service in the morning.

In the cities, people place wreaths and other Christmas decorations in their front windows, and leave the blinds up so that the note of cheer may reach the outside world. Often those with "picture windows" will arrange a Christmas tree display visible from the street.

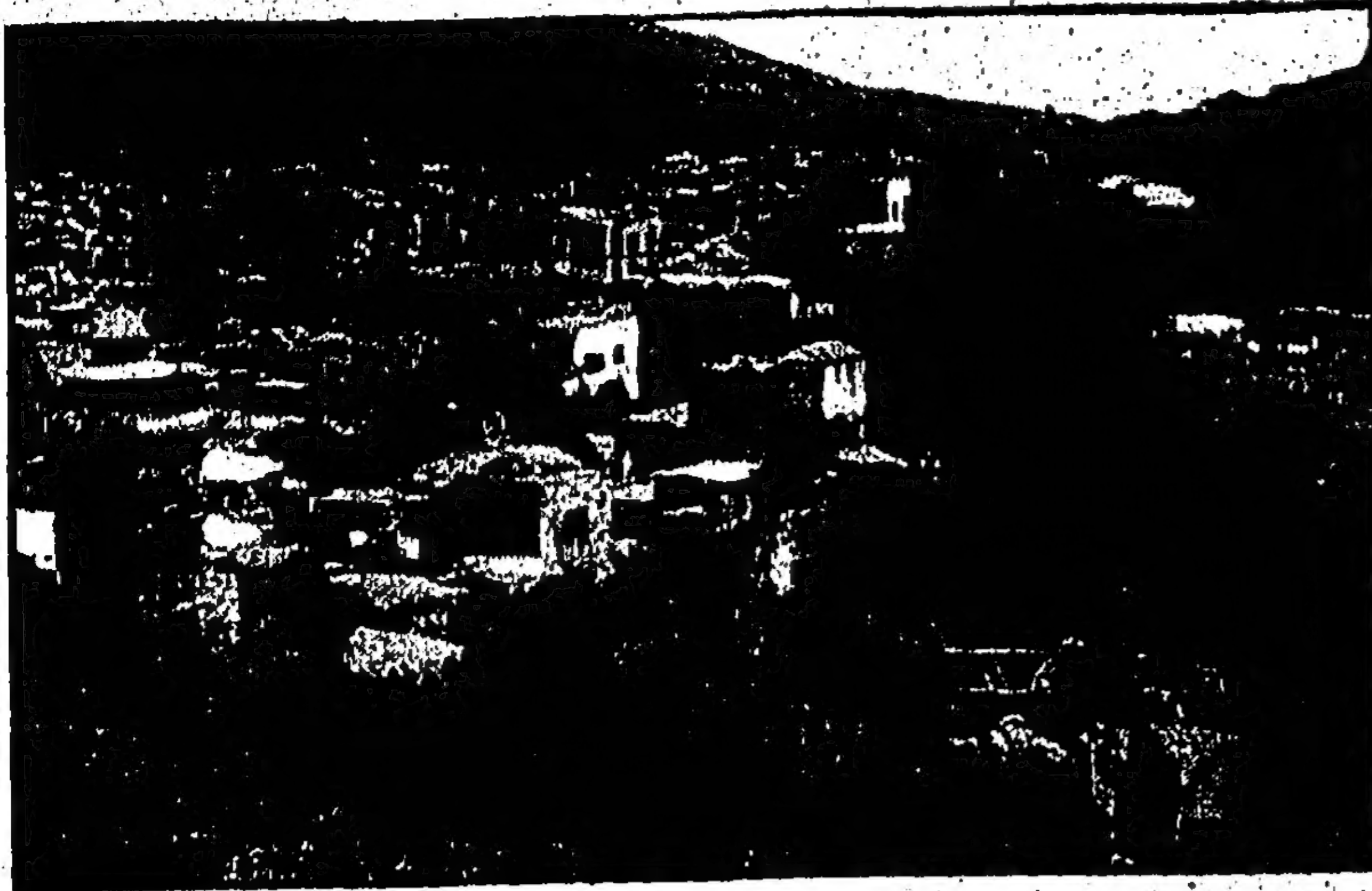
In Canada's far North, Christmas is celebrated round the radio, with messages relayed from home by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Her Majesty's own voice brought into even the loneliest outposts.

## United States

Christmas once again finds the United States cheerful and prosperous, abounding in the good things of life, and lighter-hearted than in the last few years because there is no "shooting war" in the world.

True, many menfolk are in "Uncle Sam's" uniforms in many parts of the world. But this year they are merely "garrison troops," supplied with as many comforts and as much good food as the folks back home and abroad.

The thought that loved ones are in their country's services are the chief reason for the cheerfulness of the people.



ANCIENT SHECHEM, where Christ conversed with the Woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well, is now known as Nablous. Jacob lived here for years, and here it was that Joshua conversed with the Israelite elders for their service to the Lord. Most of its 24,000 people are Moslems, and there is marked antipathy to Europeans. The city and its environs are noted for their rare beauty. Nablous is on several important trade routes, and is important in soap, wool and cotton trade.

homes throughout the United States this Christmas.

For the first time for many years, there is a hope here that real peace may be "just round the corner."

Added to this surging, spiritual inspiration is a material disposition to "count the blessings" of another prosperous year.

A year ago, a fear was gnawing at many a household's mind that the United States might be on the threshold of an economic depression.

But now with business swinging upwards since the middle year, the shops are having their "biggest and best Christmas ever."

All the big cities report record business and it is evident that the whole country is on a buying spree.

It seems that what the people are not spending on gifts and abundant food, they are spending on travel, railway, shipping and airlines all report record bookings.

## Brazil

Stores in Rio started their Christmas decorations almost at the last minute in spite of the fact that some newspapers as well as the city government offered substantial cash prizes to those with the best show windows.

Inflation and stringent import controls have changed the picture of Christmas in Brazil almost beyond recognition this year.

Brazil's first lady, Dona Jordana Cafe Filho followed the example set by the wife of the late President Getulio Vargas.

A full month before December 25, she and her helpers began to distribute gift cards to poor children and their families, mostly those living in the shantytowns which hang so precariously on Rio's hillsides.

Against these cards, the needy receive presents and food parcels in the week before Christmas. Long lines of them gather before dawn and wait patiently for the gates of the Presidential Palace to open so that they can collect their Christmas parcels.

The Day of the Magi, the Epiphany or Twelfth Night, which two generations ago was the day of the main Brazilian celebration of the Nativity is being given way to the American Santa Claus, here called "Papai Noel" after the French Père Noël. Only in tradition-bound interior towns is January 6 still the Brazilian Christmas. In the cities, it is simply a religious "Holy Day" duly observed by attendance at Mass.

The Christmas Midnight Mass, called "Missa de Gallo" or "Cock's Mass" is rather like an Easter Sunday service in New York. More thought is given to the millenary and other fiery words by those who attend to the solemnity of the occasion.

Old friends and their families meet at Church and Mass followed by a supper, or "ceia" with cold turkey, boiled chestnuts and sweet wines, with hospitality at its most generous.

## Argentina

Under the Peronist slogan that "only children have privileges" every youngster can expect to find something in his stocking this Christmas.

As usual, Eva Peron's Foundation has placed orders for nearly 3,000,000 toys which are to be distributed free in post offices throughout the country.

Signs of non-essential goods and luxuries have for years been kept at a minimum and

their manufacture here has proved a rewarding business. The result is that in addition to plastic and mechanical toys, shops are now full of Argentine-made refrigerators, washing machines, mixers and record-players.

Those who are in regular employment will find little difficulty in meeting the extra expenses, because every worker here gets a bonus equal to one month's wages in Christmas week.

As Christmas in this part of the world coincides with mid-summer, many families travel to the sea or to the mountains. In Mar del Plata, in addition to the sea, they have open air night clubs and the Casino where millions of pesos change hands every day at the roulette tables.

For everyone the spiritual joy of Christmas is coupled with worldly hope. The biggest draw of the State Lottery takes place three days before Christmas and the amount of money prizes to be shared by the lucky ones will reach almost 4,000,000 pesos (well over £2,000,000 at current rates). Few Argentines abstain from betting and everyone dreams that he will be one of the lucky few who become rich overnight.

## Chile

Christmas in Chile is usually marked by a summer heat wave which imparts to its celebrations a very different atmosphere from the Christmas of northern lands, with its Christmas tree loaded with decorations glittering in the daylight.

Because of the heat, Christmas is usually celebrated out of doors here, in much the same way as any summer Sunday.

But the days preceding the Christmas and New Year holidays are filled with preparations. In Santiago, streets are crowded with pedestrians hunting for gifts which are "good, pretty and cheap"—a well nigh impossible task in the present inflation which has sent the price of anything which is pretty or of good quality soaring.

For the whole of the period, all the streets in the profusely illuminated city are brightly lit with rows of multi-coloured electric lights. No traffic is allowed in the centre after sunset, and the streets become tunnels of light in which pedestrians "move about excitedly, coming and going between the toy-seller's booths in their search for gifts."

Usually, too, a number of men dressed up as Santa Claus, in the traditional red robe, long white beard and fur-trimmed felt cap, walk through the streets selling toys and perspiring profusely in the summer heat.

Few children in Chile today believe for long in the Santa Claus who comes travelling over the rooftops in a reindeer-drawn sled loaded with toys. Their older brothers and sisters see to that. But they like to see him round the streets and eagerly looked forward to the sight of him in the show they leave on the window sill on Christmas Eve for him to fill.

As in other years, a Ladies' Committee, headed by the wife of the President of the Republic, has been collecting funds with which to buy toys to distribute to poor children.

## Australasia

Australia's Christmas is a time of "merry and bright" when the people indulge in a "big spree" and buy as many gifts as they can afford. The Christmas season is a time of "merry and bright" when the people indulge in a "big spree" and buy as many gifts as they can afford.

The giant reindeer which prance mechanically above the crowded streets seem a bit out of place. So does Father Christmas in heavy robes and fur-trimmed cap, when temperatures are around the 100° Fahrenheit.

But city shoppers, jostling along the pavements below, do not think them odd, for the Australian enjoys a Christmas which began with the traditions of Europe, adapted to a summer holiday.

Stores expect a record turnover of imported and local goods packing their shelves and show rooms.

Two likely shortages, beer and turkeys, even at inflated prices, will worry some, but not all Australians.

In Australia, Christmas and the New Year is the time for annual holidays. Many firms close so that employees and employers can take their annual vacations at that time.

But for those who stay in the cities, there will be a full programme of sport.

Thousands will flock to beaches, to the hills, or to spend their day watching cricket, horse racing, tennis and other sports on the out of doors holiday programme.

## New Zealand

Christmas 1954 promises to be quiet in New Zealand. While the rest of the world has been caught up in the turmoil of industrial strife and the emotionalism of high pressure politics, the New Zealanders have been sitting back watching—and waiting.

Or perhaps it is that there is an anti-climax compared with last year. New Zealanders spent last Christmas cheering with unprecedented enthusiasm Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh as they travelled round their country, and mourning the victims of the Tangiwai railway disaster on Christmas Eve.

Shopkeepers say that the seasonal commercial boom began earlier this year and more money than usual was spent during November. But the great last-minute rush of shoppers which will not reach the proportions of previous years.

To most people in this country, Christmas is synonymous with picnicking, tramping and holiday making at the beach.

"Where are you going for Christmas?" is the predominant question in conversation for weeks before the event. The answer, in most cases, is "the beach."—China Mail Special.

## Attempted Suicide Over Dog

Tokyo, Dec. 22. Rather than part with his dog, an old man here decided to commit suicide.

Ryokichi Mizoguchi, aged 64, and his wife were living on a small plot of land in a local welfare office—some 8,000 yen monthly—since last January when their daughter, Emiko, who supported them, was strangled to death during a stampede at the Tokyo Imperial Palace.

The aged parents were told to get rid of their dog or see their dog reduced by 2,000 yen. When they refused, the dog was strangled.

Old Mizoguchi was again complaining that if the maintenance of the dog is estimated at 2,000 yen, the maintenance of two dogs is 4,000 yen. He said he was not able to pay the 2,000 yen for the dog, and he was not able to pay the 2,000 yen for the dog.

## TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

# U.S. BUSINESS PROSPECTS

## Next Year Should Be Another Second Best

By DAYTON MOORE

Washington, Dec. 22.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce predicted today that business will be two per cent better next year than this but will not be quite as good as in 1953.

If the forecast pans out, 1955 will be another "second best" year from an economic standpoint. The nation enjoyed its greatest prosperity in 1953 when the major business indicators climbed to all-time peaks although an economic decline started late in the year.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$281,001.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank 1970 1990 2 @ 1990

INSURANCES Lombard 51

SHIPPING Waterboat 500 @ 20.00

DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf 25.00 25.00 1000 @ 15.00

PROVIDENT (O) 15.00 15.00 1000 @ 7.00

Wholesale 6.00 7.200 @ 7.00

LAND, ETC. HK Hotel 15.20 15.20 2000 @ 15.20

HK Land 90.00 67.00 250 @ 67.00

Realty 2.07 1.21 1/2

UTILITIES Tram 21.20 21.20

Star Ferry 15.00 15.00 100 @ 15.00

Yam Seng 15.00 15.00 100 @ 15.00

C. Light (O) 15.00 15.00 100 @ 15.00

C. Light (N) 15.00 15.00 100 @ 15.00

Electric 3.00 3.00 300 @ 3.00

Telephone 3.00 3.00 300 @ 3.00

INDUSTRIALS Cement 3.00 3.00 300 @ 3.00

Stores, ETC. Dairy X. 24.00 24.00 100 @ 24.00

Watson 15.00 15.00 100 @ 15.00

(N) 17 1250 @ 17.00

C. Crawford 37.20

Textile Corp. 6.00 6.00 100 @ 6.00

Nanyang 9.40 9.40 750 @ 9.40

MISC. ANEQUA 5.00 5.00 100 @ 5.00

Yongtze 5.00 5.00 100 @ 5.00

Alfred 4.30 4.37 1/2

## Market Holidays

New York, Dec. 22. All major securities markets in the United States will be closed Friday, December 24. Canadian markets will be open for half a day on Christmas Eve.

British banks and foreign exchange markets will be open all day Friday and will—like all other markets—reopen Tuesday morning.

The London Stock Exchange, various commodity markets like rubber, cocoa, wool, etc., as well as the Liverpool cotton and wheat futures markets will operate on somewhat abbreviated schedules on Friday.

In the United States most major commodity markets also will operate on a half day schedule on Friday. This group includes the New York Cotton Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Cocoa Exchange and the Mercantile Exchange. The New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange and Commodity Exchange, Inc., will be closed all day Friday.—United Press.

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 22. Dow Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

30 Industrials 197.17  
48 Common 197.17  
12 Utilities 197.17  
12 Bonds 197.17  
Common share price index 197.17  
The New York Stock Exchange closed today with the following figures:—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

London, Dec. 22. The pound sterling was valued at 1.00 against the dollar. The Swiss franc was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The French franc was valued at 0.166 against the dollar. The German mark was valued at 0.48 against the dollar. The Japanese yen was valued at 0.007 against the dollar. The Australian dollar was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The Canadian dollar was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The New Zealand dollar was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The South African rand was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The Hong Kong dollar was valued at 0.70 against the dollar. The Indian rupee was valued at 0.045 against the dollar. The Chinese yuan was valued at 0.02 against the dollar. The Philippine peso was valued at 0.048 against the dollar. The Mexican peso was valued at 0.05 against the dollar. The Brazilian cruzeiro was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Argentine peso was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Chilean peso was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Peruvian sol was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Colombian peso was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Venezuelan bolivar was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Ecuadorian sucre was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Guatemalan quetzal was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Honduran lempira was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Nicaraguan cordoba was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Costa Rican colón was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Panamanian balboa was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Dominican peso was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Haitian gourde was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Cuban peso was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Guinean franc was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Sierra Leonean leone was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Liberian dollar was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Nigerian naira was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Kenyan shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Ugandan shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Tanzanian shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Zambian kwacha was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Malawian kwacha was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Botswana tswana was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Swaziland lilangeni was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Lesotho batli was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Namibian dollar was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The South African rand was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Mozambican escudo was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Angolan kwanza was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Guinean franc was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Sierra Leonean leone was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Liberian dollar was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Nigerian naira was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Kenyan shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Ugandan shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Tanzanian shilling was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Zambian kwacha was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Malawian kwacha was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Botswana tswana was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Swaziland lilangeni was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Lesotho batli was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Namibian dollar was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The South African rand was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Mozambican escudo was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar. The Angolan kwanza was valued at 0.0002 against the dollar.

The Chamber's overall business forecast is in line with recent ones of Government and private economists.

Gains are expected in gross national product—the total of all goods and services produced—housing and most other construction fields, industrial production, national income, consumer spending, and foreign trade.

Both retail and wholesale prices are expected to remain stable at about present levels.

## FARM INCOME

However, a few purchases of economic activity are expected to decline. A "slight drop" in farm income was predicted. The number of unemployed probably will be "slightly larger" because the economic gains will be not large enough to provide jobs for all persons reaching working age—14 years for statistical purposes.

Other unfavourable economic factors include the large sum of private debt and the prospect there will not be any major tax cut.

"Indications are that business overall will be two to five per cent better next year than in 1954," Mr. E. P. Schmitt, the Chamber's chief economist, said.

"Rising orders in the hands of manufacturers and increasing

## New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 22. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 242 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point higher to 1 point lower with sales of 10 contracts.

Domestic futures showed little reaction to the overnight announcement of the 1955 import quota of 3,200,000 short tons. The figure was about in line with trade expectations.

Trade interests were reported on both sides of the world contract.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)  
January 3.18  
March 3.19  
May 3.20  
July 3.20  
September 3.20  
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 3.17

Contract No. 6  
March 3.43  
May 3.45  
July 3.45  
September 3.45  
November 3.45  
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 3.45

—United Press.

## Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Dec. 22. Prices per bushel in cents:

Closing prices

Wheat No. 2, red

Spot 20.00 20.00 200 @ 20.00

Dec. 20.00 20.00 100 @ 20.00

Jan. 20.00 20.00 100 @ 20.00

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## Sugar Quotas Announced

Washington, Dec. 22. Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra T. Benson, today announced a 1955 sugar quota totalling 8,200,000 tons.

The quota—the amount of sugar which can be marketed in the United States next year—compares with an 1954 quota of 8,000,0



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1954.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### 10 O'CLOCK CLOSING BEGINS ON FEB. 1

From H. King Wood

Sydney.

The shouting of the liquor hours has now died down, and as from February 1 hotels will remain open until 10 p.m. The Government—somewhat wisely, it must be admitted—decided on that date to give publicans a chance to organise and police time to prepare for the new conditions.

And the most unhappy people about it all, not unnaturally, are the publicans and hotel employees. The boss sees himself tied down for six nights a week, while the employees see shift and night work.

The police aren't particularly happy about it, either, for here, too, extra men will have to work at night.

The one weakness seen in the Government's new bill is the decision that hotels must shut between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. People are frightened that this is going to lengthen our famous "six o'clock swill" to 6.30 and so defeat the very object of the legislation.

In any case, it is going to be interesting to watch how it all works out in February. Most people's guess is that once the novelty wears off the pubs will be struggling to make ends meet at night.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney must now get a place in the top salary bracket of this country. This week the City Council voted young Alderman Pitt Hills £6,000 a year for the next 12 months, and as it is tax free it becomes big money in terms of gross earnings.

Sure, running Sydney is quite a job, but just the same, the Lord Mayor should be able to do distinguished visitors proud on that figure.

Alderman Hills is also a member of the State Upper House—the Legislative Council, and so draws another £1,500 a year. All in all, and without stretching it too much, it should be a reasonable assumption that there are no wolves around the Hills door.

#### CAR STEALING

Car stealing in New South Wales has become big business. A thousand motor cycles and more than 3,000 cars, worth £500,000, have been stolen so far this year.

Police estimate that criminals who steal cars for stripping and the sale of spare parts are making at least £100 a week.

Motor Squad detectives say some of these people are so expert that they can remove a car radio in less than three minutes. The detectives say that rarely does a weekend pass without at least £20,000 worth of vehicles being "borrowed" by joyriders or stolen for resale.

They also complain that people in hotels buy these spare parts without questions—and often at a price dearer than what the same part, new, can be bought from an authorised dealer.

**MOBILE MUSTERING**  
The changing scene... Out on Maghera Station, at outback Bourke, no one has saddled a horse for mustering since 1950.

The stockmen have found that one man on a twin-cylinder, water-cooled, two-horse power motor cycle can muster as well as three men on horseback.

The cycles can go anywhere a horse can go in this country, where paddocks are as large as 10,000 acres.

Cavaliers in outback South Australia are also turning to cycles... which just means that there isn't a great deal of romance left in anything these days.

#### LOAN FAILURE

After watching money being poured into the stores as though it didn't matter for the last fortnight it has come as a bit of a shock to learn that the last Commonwealth Loan was undersubscribed by £13 million.

The Government wanted £50 million in cash but could draw only £37 million and the response was so poor that the closing date was extended.

The argument is, of course, that there is no shortage of money for investment but it is going into private industry where there are better interest rates.

That may be so, but it seems pretty probable that the Government cannot raise £50 million in cash for public works from the citizens.

#### NEW PARLIAMENT

The Premier, Mr Cahill, spoke this week of a long-range plan for a new Parliament House. This is a chestnut more or less in the same category as the Eastern Suburbs Railway, but maybe the Premier did not have at his fingertips the knowledge of just how long a new Parliament building for NSW has been on the back in 1888 that wise old man, Sir Henry Parkes, laid the foundation stone for a new Parliament House on the site where our public library now stands.

The stone and its ugly foundations remained there until about 1900 and the last heard of the stone was that it had been sent to the Botanic Gardens where it was probably broken up or mislaid.

Incidentally, as he laid the stone, Sir Henry Parkes said: "It has always seemed to me that it is far better to have good Parliaments than grand buildings to put them in."

Maybe someone took the hint.

And far as Christmas is concerned, all we can say is that each year they seem to start earlier, get brighter, more madder—and more costly.

### Hammarskjöld Going To Peking Before New Year

United Nations, N.Y., Dec. 22.

The United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld indicated tonight he would leave for Peking before the end of the year to seek the release of the imprisoned American airmen in Communist China.

He told a press conference that five or six officials would probably accompany him.

Mr Hammarskjöld, who returned today from Stockholm where he discussed arrangements for his trip with Communist China's Ambassador to Sweden, told a news conference here: "I am not going anywhere to beg anybody for anything. I am going to bring up a situation which calls for, in my view, mutual consideration, with background of the General Assembly resolution."

The Assembly resolution instructed Mr Hammarskjöld to make "continuing" and "unremitting efforts" to seek the release of all U.N. personnel still imprisoned in Red China in violation of the Korean truce agreement.

Although Mr Hammarskjöld would not say when he plans to leave for Peking, he indicated it would be between Christmas and New Year's Day.

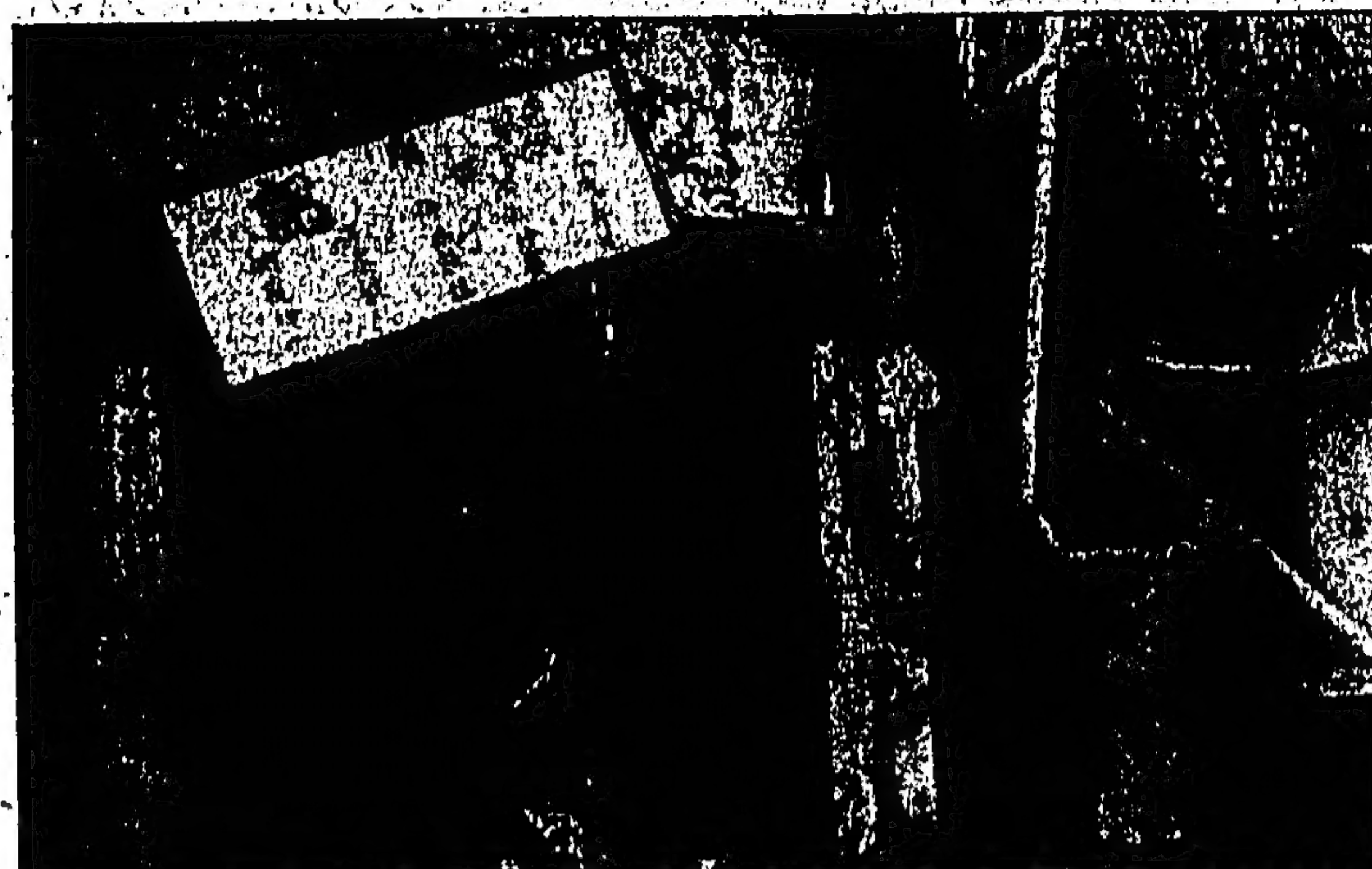
#### PARTY OF SIX

Mr Hammarskjöld said he expected to take a party of "about six" persons with him.

He said he would take with him a U.N. public relations officer and "try to see to it that the press and by the press the public get informed directly from the U.N. mission."

Mr Hammarskjöld is reported to be planning a stop over in London to see British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden and another in New Delhi to talk with Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru.—United Press

## Today's Fire At Wanchai



The scene outside the tenement in Tai Yuen Street after this morning's blaze. (Staff Photographer)

## Full Court Action On Tasikmalaja Appeal

An ex parte application for notices of motion to be served on the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to show cause why certain appeals now pending should not be dismissed or otherwise stayed was made to the Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

The appeals arise out of a claim against the Indonesian Government for possession of the 3,079-ton freighter Tasikmalaja.

The application was made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (on the instructions of Mr M. A. du Silva) on behalf of the respondents, Messrs Juan Ysmael and Co. Inc. of Manila, P.I., and was on the ground that the Indonesian Government are in default of payment of costs ordered against them by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and by the Full Court of Hongkong, and for want of prosecution.

In December the Full Court reversed Mr Reece's decision and in January, 1953, the Court gave permission for the case to go to the Privy Council.

The Hon. Mr. D. A. L. Wright, QC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

The Indonesian Government were represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Under Order 11 Rule 8 on an ex parte motion the Court made an amendment in the two notices of motion in appeals Nos. 11 and 12 of 1952. Mr Bernacchi asked for leave to serve the notices on the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and for a return date.

The President of the Court ordered the notices of amendment to be served, returnable on January 20.

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## Call For More Women In Parliament

"Freedom can be won only by sacrifice!" These were the words used by Madame Shafik—the Campaigning Cleopatra—at a press conference yesterday afternoon, to describe the reason for the Egyptian women's hunger strike last March.

The hunger strike and their demonstration when 1,000 women took Parliament by storm were only two of the efforts that the Egyptian women, led by Madame Shafik, made to get their public rights, which are now to be given them in the next constitution.

Madame Shafik believes that if a country is ruled by men and women, the country will be much more advanced. She also believes that men cannot possibly know enough about women's suffering to pass laws about them and their children.

**IN COLLABORATION**

On the other hand, she said a country could not possibly be ruled by women alone, as either way the Parliament would only represent half the nation, but if men and women work in collaboration the whole nation is represented.

Madame Shafik said she believed many of Egypt's problems came from the large amount of illiteracy in the country.

In the next elections, Madame Shafik will run for Parliament, she will then put forward a plan which will enable everyone to be educated in three years. She thinks that everyone can teach and will suggest that if everyone will teach ten others it will stop illiteracy in Egypt.

While in the United States, Madame Shafik was very impressed by television and on her return she hopes to persuade Parliament to install a set at every social centre, which will give an hour's lesson a day as well as the usual programmes.

By this method Madame Shafik said she thought it would be possible to educate everyone moderately in only one year.

**FREE EDUCATION**

Free education is also to be given and there are many schools for adults where they can learn home industries.

Several members on the committee of the Hongkong Council of Women were present at the conference, including Mrs. Madeline Ng—former Chairman—Mrs. Elizabeth Egg and Mrs. Violet Chan. They will also be present this afternoon when Madame Shafik will give a lecture at 8.30 in the British Council Library.

**Dalai Lama Supports  
Formosa 'Liberation'**

London, Dec. 22.

The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet, today pledged the "full support" of the people of Tibet for the "liberation" of Formosa, the New China News Agency reported.

Formosa is an island in the Pacific Ocean, which was captured by the Chinese in 1949.

The Dalai Lama said that the people of Tibet would support the liberation of Formosa, which is now under Chinese control.

## More Capital Needed By Metal Industries: Chairman's Statement

Mr G. E. Marden said this morning that negotiations were proceeding with Metal Industries Corporation Limited for the purchase of further tonnage for breaking and consideration was given to the possibility of operating their own rolling mill in the Colony.

In his statement to shareholders at the annual meeting of the company held at 10 a.m. today, Mr Marden, who is the Chairman, further announced that Metal Industries Corporation Ltd., in conjunction with other concerns, had made certain arrangements to take "a substantial interest in a company recently formed to prospect for and develop workable ore deposits in Hongkong."

The surplus for the period under review amounted to \$10,982 to which must be added the balance brought forward of \$187,350, making available for appropriation a total of \$214,332 which the Directors recommended to be carried forward.

Proposing the adoption of the Chairman's report and Accounts, Mr Marden said: "Your Board has now under discussion proposals of a more far-reaching character to restore the company's activities to their pre-war scope. Further capital would be required for that purpose and it is hoped to make arrangements to raise it privately."

**MOTION CARRIED**

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman's statement was issued as follows:

"In accordance with the arrangements indicated to you last year, two vessels were purchased for breaking on joint account. Of these one has now been completed and most of the resulting scrap disposed of at a satisfactory profit—a part of which is shown in the accounts under review—while progress on the other vessel has reached an advanced stage.

**BREAKING YARD BUILT**

"Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of further tonnage for breaking and consideration is being given to the possibility of operating our own rolling mill. A breaking yard has been constructed on a site leased from Government.

"Although the activities of the Company are still on a considerably reduced scale compared to the levels reached in pre-war years, your Directors hope that results may make it possible to pay a modest dividend next year.

"The claim for war losses amounting to £22,712 has been omitted from the Balance Sheet in view of the unlikelihood of any recovery being made.

"Since the close of our year the authorities in Shanghai have requisitioned the property of one of our subsidiaries—Lunghua Dock & Engineering Works Ltd. This property had been leased in 1951 for a term of ten years to a Government Department.

"In concert with our General Managers and certain of their associates, arrangements have been made to take a substantial

interest in a company recently formed to prospect for and develop workable ore deposits in the Colony."

**DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED**

Sir Robert Calder-Marshall and Mr W. G. E. Lannaman, who retired by rotation, were re-elected as Directors.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed Auditors of the company at a remuneration to be agreed upon by the Directors.

Present at the meeting were Messrs G. E. Marden, W. G. E. Lannaman, W. J. Hawkins, V. J. Song, P. O. Seales, representing a total of 62,320 shares.

**Ceylon Tea Workers' Threat To Strike**

Colombo, Dec. 22.

Ceylon tea workers are threatening to strike throughout the island.

Over 200 representatives of tea workers meeting in the hill resort of Nuwara Eliya today decided to call the strike if their employers failed to meet their seven-point demands within two weeks.

Their seven-point charter includes a demand for an increase of one rupee (one shilling and six pence) in the present wage of a little over two rupees a day, the payment of 10 per cent of the profits as a bonus, the getting-up of a provident fund and a monthly allowance of 25 rupees (37s 6d) on retirement.—Reuter.

**Quarrel Suspended 'For Christmas'**

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.

Jordan and Israel have put aside their quarrel for the time being so that pilgrims from all over the world can cross the Holy Land's troubled border line to worship at Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

But Jordan has a blacklist of names of 125 people who will not be allowed into the Holy Land. They include 18 German priests, some Russian nuns and scores of Christian Nazarenes, suspected of "Communist sympathies."—Reuter.

**YOU ARE LUCKY**

"We were just about to make him a foreman plumber. I believe, too, that he's a very decent type of man, and as his wife's expecting a baby, I believe my firm is willing to give him another chance."

The plumber looked at Tom, in whose eyes great fear still dwelt and whose face was waxen-white. "Well, you are lucky, aren't you?" he said.

"Yes, sir," Tom gulped.

"Well, I'm very pleased your employers are giving you back your job," said the magistrate. "You show your gratitude to them by working hard. I shall discharge you absolutely; you may go."

Tom went, and a few minutes later he was back, one of the crowd again on the crowded streets. There was no longer anything to mark him out from his fellows, for the fear had gone at last from his eyes.

**Repatriation Expected**

Stockholm, Dec. 22.

Permission for the Swedish Red Cross to repatriate 100 members of the Red Cross from Formosa, the New China News Agency reported.

Formosa is an island in the Pacific Ocean, which was captured by the Chinese in 1949.

The Red Cross said that the members of the Red Cross from Formosa would be repatriated to Sweden.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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